

REMARKS

This application was originally filed with Claims 1-15. Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-15 are now pending in the application.

In the Office Action, Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, and 13-15 are allowed; and Claims 1-4, 10 and 11 are rejected. In addition, acknowledgement was made (a) of a claim for foreign priority and (2) that copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Precious Metals*.

Claims 1-4, 10 and 11 have been cancelled herein. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, and 13-15 remain in the case.

Such amendments are being made to facilitate prosecution to allowable subject matter without acquiescing as to the correctness of the rejection.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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